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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS	
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In re: PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY)	
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE)	
LITIGATION)	
X MDL No. 1456	
United States of America, ex) Civil Action	
rel. Ven-a-Care of the Florida) No. 01-12257-PBS	
Keys, Inc. vs. Abbott)	
Laboratories, Inc.,	
CIVIL ACTION No. 06-11337-PBS)	
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008	
VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF	
GARY KEITH ALDY	
Reported By: INA C. LeBLANC	
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2	Aldy 010, Exhibit Aldy 011, Exhibit Aldy 012,	2	talked about that pricing, so just the wholesale
3	and Exhibit Aldy 014 WERE MARKED FOR	3	price.
4	IDENTIFICATION.)	4	Q. And none of your customers involved
5	BY MR. SISNEROS:	5	wholesalers. That's correct, right?
6	Q. All right, Mr. Aldy. I'm going to be	6	A. I'm sorry?
7	asking you if you know what what some terms	7	Q. None of your customers were wholesaler
8	mean. The first term I want to ask you	8	based?
9	Have you ever heard of the term	9	A. I didn't call them wholesalers, no.
10	"catalogue price"?	10	Q. Have you heard of a term called DAC?
11	A. It's typically our list price.	11	A. No.
12	Q. So list price and catalogue price are	12	Q. D-A-C?
13	the same?	13	A. No. I'm not familiar with DAC.
14	A. That's my understanding.	14	Q. Distributor acquisition cost?
15	Q. What is that price?	15	A. Previous to you saying that, I don't
16	A. It's our published list price.	16	think I have ever heard that term used.
17	Q. How is it used?	17	Q. Have you ever heard of a price called
18	A. The only time that I would use list	18	Rx link price?
19	price is if a customer didn't belong to a GPO or	19	A. I have heard of Rx link, yes.
20	have some other type of contract.	20	Q. And what is that?
21	Q. Did you make a lot of sales at list	21	A. It was some pricing that was out there,
22	price?	22	but I don't know I didn't use Rx link.
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1	A. No.	1	Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of a term
2	Q. Most Well, let me ask you this: In	2	called average wholesale price, AWP?
3	your experience, were contract prices lower than	3	A. Yes.
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1	again, my question was more general.	1	A. Correct.
2	Did you know how AWP was used?	2	Q. And you didn't talk about reimbursement
3	A. No.	3	with your customers?
4	Q. Okay. Have you heard of the term	4	A. Correct.
5	direct price, or DP?	5	Q. Why is that?
6	A. No.	6	A. In my early training with Abbott, I
7	Q. Have you heard of Red Book?	7	have a recall of just being told that those are
8	A. I've heard of Red Book, yes.	8	things that are not to be discussed with the
9	Q. What is Red Book?	9	customers.
10	A. To the best of my knowledge, it's a	10	Q. Who told you that?
11	database that the my customers used.	11	A. Best of my recollection, it would have
12	Q. For what?	12	been my district manager, Debbie Paulson.
13	A. For whatever Red Book is for.	13	Q. And you were hired in '97, so this is
14	Q. How do you know your customers used Red	14	something that you would have been told after
	Book?	15	your hire date?
16	A. Because I've heard them mention Red	16	A. Yes.
	Book.	17	Q. Do you recall with reference to your
18	Q. To you?	18	hire date how long afterwards you were told this?
19	A. I guess it would have been to me.	19	A. No, I don't.
20	Q. What did they say about Red Book?	20	Q. Do you have a recollection if you were
21	A. Probably would have just been a	21	told this at the time of your hiring?
22	reference to something in Red Book.	22	A. No, I don't.
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1	Q. Have you ever heard of the word spread?	1	Q. When you were told this, were you told
2	A. I've heard of the word spread, yes.	2	this one to one or in a group setting?
3	Q. And in your experience at Abbott, what	3	A. I would have said I would say one to
4	did spread mean?	4	one.
5	MR. COLE: Object to the form.	5	Q. Were you told this over the telephone?
6	THE WITNESS: That was not something	6	A. I don't recall.
7	that I dealt with as far as products were	7	Q. Was this ever communicated to you in
8	concerned. I don't We just didn't do anything	8	writing?
9	with anything that incorporated spread in it.	9	A. Not that I recall.
10	BY MR. SISNEROS:	10	Q. Were you What is your understanding
11	Q. Okay. And, again, I appreciate your	11	of why you should not discuss reimbursement or
12	answer, but my question is broader. Do you know	12	AWP with your customers?
13	what spread is?	13	MR. COLE: Object to the form.
14	A. I really don't know what spread is, no.	14	THE WITNESS: Could you restate that?
15	Q. Okay. You've testified several times	15	MR. SISNEROS: Sure.
16	today that you didn't talk about reimbursement;	16	Q. Did Debbie Paulson tell you why you
17	is that right?	17	should not be discussing reimbursement with
18	A. Um-hmm.	18	customers?
19	Q. Is that a yes?	19	A. Just that that was not anything that we
20	A. Yes.	20	were involved in, and it wasn't a part of what I
	() V di dult talla ala A WD tla	1 7 1	do
21 22	Q. You didn't talk about AWP with your customers?	21 22	do. Q. That's all?

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1	BY MS. FORD:	1	EXAMINATION	
2	Q. Okay. Is that same Is that also	2	BY MR. COLE:	
3	true with respect to your hard copy files?	3	Q. Mr. Sisneros asked you some questions	
4	A. Yeah. I would go through and purge	4	earlier today about your understanding of certain	
5	files as from time to time, yes, ma'am.	5	pricing terms. Do you remember those questions?	
6	Q. Okay. Mr. Aldy, I'm almost finished.	6	A. Yes.	
7	I appreciate your patience. I am just quickly	7	Q. And I believe you he asked you some	
8	looking through my notes to see if I have any	8	questions about AWP. Do you remember those	
9	further questions for you.	9	questions?	
10	A. You're the one staying up late.	10	A. Yes.	
11	MS. FORD: United States has no further	11	Q. And I believe you testified that you	
12	questions at this time. We do reserve the right	12	understood that AWP stood for average wholesale	
13	to recall Mr. Aldy based upon pending document	13	price; is that right?	
14	production by Abbott and pending motion to compel	14	A. Yes.	
15	documents.	15	Q. Other than standing Other than	
16	I also request that the documents	16	standing for the words "average wholesale price,"	
17	produced today by Mr. Aldy at his deposition be	17	do you have any understanding of what AWP means?	
18	sent to the United States in response to the	18	A. I do not.	
19	subpoena.	19	MS. FORD: Objection to form.	
20	And I pass the witness.	20	BY MR. COLE:	
21	MR. COLE: Can we take a break?	21	Q. Do you know how AWP is or has ever been	
22	MR. SISNEROS: Sure.	22	calculated?	
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Page 336 Page 334 respect to the last question. 1 Q. Ms. Ford asked you some questions about 2 some -- a laptop computer that you used from time 2 BY MR. COLE: to time during your employment with either Abbott 3 Q. You just don't recall such an 4 4 or Hospira. instruction as you sit here today? 5 5 MS. FORD: Objection to form. A. I don't remember the specifics of it at MR. COLE: I haven't asked a question 6 6 this time. I don't recall. 7 yet, but that's fine. 7 MR. COLE: Those are all the questions 8 Q. Do you remember those questions about a 8 I have. 9 9 laptop computer? MS. FORD: I have a few follow-up 10 A. Yes. 10 questions. 11 11 Q. Are you certain that the laptop --12 MS. FORD: I'm objecting to your 12 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** characterization "from time to time." I don't BY MS. FORD: 13 13 believe that's consistent with the witness's 14 14 Q. Mr. Aldy, although you don't recall whether you received a laptop computer issued to 15 testimony. 15 BY MR. COLE: 16 you by Abbott or whether it was by Hospira, you 16 were using e-mail in communicating during the 17 Q. Do you remember the questions that Ms. 17 18 Ford asked you about a laptop computer? 18 time that you were employed by Abbott; is that 19 A. Yes, I do. 19 correct? 2.0 Q. Are you certain -- As you testify here 20 A. Yes. There was a period of time at 21 today, are you certain that you received a laptop 21 Abbott when I used e-mail to communicate, yes. computer from Abbott? Q. During the period of time that you were 22 Page 335 Page 337 1 A. I do not -- There's some question as to using your home computer for e-mail, at least 2 whether it was before or after the transition 2 part of that time you had an Abbott-issued e-mail 3 time with Hospira. I don't recall. 3 address; is that correct? 4 Q. So is it possible that the company-4 A. Yes, ma'am. issued laptop that you have in mind was -- that 5 Q. And we've seen, for example, a document 6 you did not receive it until the spinoff of 6 from 2000 when you were receiving e-mail from 7 7 Hospira? Abbott: is that correct? 8 8 A. That's --A. Yes, ma'am. 9 9 MS. FORD: Objection to form. Calls Q. And during that time were you also sending e-mail to the various groups that we 10 for speculation. 10 11 THE WITNESS: That is possible, that it spoke about within Abbott? 11 was given to me by Hospira and not Abbott. 12 12 A. Yes, I would have. 13 Q. And also with customers? 13 BY MR. COLE: 14 14 Q. Ms. Ford asked you some questions about A. Yes. 15 the collection of documents or the gathering of 15 MS. FORD: I have no further -- Oh, I documents and what you remember about that topic. 16 16 actually do have another question. Is it possible that you received an instruction 17 Q. You also testified that after the 17 to either preserve or gather documents while you 18 spinoff of Abbott's Hospira products division to 18 19 were an Abbott employee? 19 Hospira, you maintained your Abbott files; is 20 20 A. Yes, it is possible that I could have that correct? 21 received that. 21 A. Yes. 22 MS. FORD: Objection to form with 22 Q. And those files then became Hospira

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1	files; is that correct?	1	000
2	A. Yes, ma'am.	2	I, INA C. LeBLANC, a Certified Shorthand
3	,		Reporter of the State of California, duly authorized to
4	your Abbott files to anyone at Abbott?	3 4	administer oaths, do hereby certify:
5	A. No, because we were spun off into	5	That I am a disinterested person herein; that
6	Hospira. Basically, the same business.	6	the Witness, GARY KEITH ALDY, named in the foregoing
7	Q. But no one within Abbott requested from	7	deposition was by me duly sworn to testify the truth,
	•	8	the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that the
8 9	you copies of all of your files for their own	9	deposition was reported in shorthand by me,
	corporate records; is that correct?	10	INA C. LeBLANC, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the
10	MR. COLE: Object to the form.	11	State of California, and thereafter transcribed into
11	THE WITNESS: Could you clarify your		
12	meaning? When we were spun off into Hospira, did	12	typewriting.
13	I provide copies of my Abbott files to Abbott at	13	That before completion of the deposition,
14	that time?	14	review of the transcript [] was [X] was not
15	MS. FORD: That's correct. That's my	15	requested. If requested, any changes made by the
16	question.	16	deponent (and provided to the Reporter) during the
17	THE WITNESS: No, I did not.	17	period allowed are appended hereto.
18	BY MS. FORD:	18	B
19	Q. So to the extent that you still had	19	Dated:
20	Abbott files when you left Hospira's employment,	20	
21	were those files provided to your district	21	INA C. LeBLANC
22	manager?	22	CSR No. 6713
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1	A. Yes, they were.		
2	MS. FORD: Thank you. I have no		
3	further questions at this time.		
4	MR. COLE: Thanks everyone.		
5	THE WITNESS: Thank you.		
6	MS. FORD: Thank you very much for your		
7	time.		
8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of		
9	tape five, volume one. This also concludes		
10	today's deposition of Gary Keith Aldy. The time		
11	is approximately 5:28 p.m.		
12	(Thereupon the deposition was		
13	adjourned at 5:28 p.m.)		
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17	Signed under penalty of perjury:		
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19	GARY KEITH ALDY		
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may be familiar, such as Mr. Buell?

Q. Mr. Tootell, Mr. Landsidle and

Ms. Haas. Do you see those names there?

"Re: Medicare Working Group Update"?

Q. And if you go to the re line, it says,

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

Q. Ms. Tobiason?

A. Yes, uh-huh.

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    reason to question his, his statement in that
                                                       1
                                                              A. Uh-huh.
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    regard; do you?
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                                                              Q. Do you see that?
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          MR. DALY: Object to the form.
                                                              A. Yes.
          THE WITNESS: You know, I'm not going
                                                              Q. Do you know what the Medicare Working
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    to speculate on whether he may or may not have
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                                                           Group was, as referenced here in the December '96
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    remembered. I don't know.
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                                                           memorandum?
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       MR. GOBENA: I don't believe this was
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                                                              A. No.
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    previously marked in a deposition, so I guess
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                                                              Q. Do you recall ever being a member of an
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    we'll have it marked here now. I can't recall
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                                                           entity at Abbott known as the Medicare Working
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    what the next number is.
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                                                           Group?
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          THE REPORTER: Plaintiff's Exhibit 1302.
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                                                              A. I do not recall that.
                                                              Q. But you are listed here in the "to"
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          MR. GOBENA: Plaintiff's Exhibit 1302.
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                (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1302
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                                                           line, though, in a discussion about the Medicare
                                                           Working Group; isn't that correct?
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                for Identification
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                                                              A. That is correct.
                was so marked.)
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                                                              Q. Do you recall ever participating in
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    BY MR. GOBENA:
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                                                           meetings with some of the individuals listed here
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       Q. I'm actually not going to ask you about
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    the attachment. I'm just going to ask you about
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                                                           where Medicare issues were ever discussed in this
    the cover memo, so why don't you just look at
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                                                           time frame?
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                                                              A. No, I don't.
    that.
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       A. Okay. Okay.
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                                                              Q. And if you received this memorandum
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       Q. Okay. You'll see on the top right
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                                                           from Mr. Rieger, would you have reviewed it?
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    corner this is a memorandum from Richard Rieger,
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                                                                 MR. DALY: Object to the form.
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    and it says here his title is Manager for
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                                                                 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
    Strategic Planning.
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                                                           BY MR. GOBENA:
          Does this all -- at all, that title at
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                                                              Q. Did you generally as a matter of course
    all refresh your recollection any more about who
                                                           review documents that were addressed to you when
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    Mr. Rieger was?
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                                                           you're -- during your time of employ at Abbott?
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       A. It does not.
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                                                                 MR. DALY: Object to the form. Go
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       Q. The memorandum is dated December 6th,
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                                                           ahead.
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    1996 and there's a bunch of addressees there
                                                                 THE WITNESS: I get, you know,
    listed, including yourself?
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                                                           thousands of documents a week. I don't review
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       A. Yes.
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                                                           every one of them.
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                                                           BY MR. GOBENA:
       Q. And there's some other -- there's some
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    names that we've seen from other documents that
                                                              Q. Okay. This document has been
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previously marked as Exhibit 1170. And I'm not

going to spend much time on the attachment. I

Q. Again, if, if you go to the center of

this document, which is dated December 13th, '96,

there's a reference to the Medicare Working Group

want you to sort of to, to look at the cover

A. Okay, okay, uh-huh.

meeting on December 16th, 1996.

memorandum here.

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CORPORATION, DEY, INC.,
ABBOTT LABORATORIES and
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Defendants.

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Page 6 Page 8 1 PETER BAKER 1 PETER BAKER 2 2 A. Commercial Service Operations. A. Yes, I did. Q. What is Commercial Service Operations? 3 3 Q. Who were they? 4 A. It has National Accounts, Contracting, Market 4 A. Mike Sellers, the National Account Managers, Research, and what we call Marketing Services, and Chuck Marcaccio, Jerry Besh. It's been a while and 6 it's changed. Barry Warzen in our Marketing Services 6 Customer Service. 7 7 area and Meredith Durant in Market Research. Q. Who do you answer to directly in the chain of 8 Q. This isn't meant to be a memory test, but let 8 command? 9 me go through these names as quickly as I can to just 9 MS. TABACCHI: I'm going to object to the 10 extent that you intend to inquire further about Mr. 10 get their titles. You just gave me the last two. Mark Sellers, what was his title? 11 Baker's employment at Hospira. He's here in his 11 capacity as a former Abbott employee. 12 A. Mike Sellers. 12 13 MR. BARRETT: I understand. 13 O. Mike Sellers. A. Director of Contract Marketing. 14 14 BY MR. BARRETT: Q. And the National Account Managers, what 15 Q. Who do you answer directly to in the chain of 15 16 individuals were those? 16 command? 17 17 A. Chuck Marcaccio and Jerry Besh. A. John Arnott. Q. And what is his title? 18 Q. Okay. And then --18 19 A. Corporate Vice President of Commercial 19 A. Gary Galinski was --20 Operations. 20 Q. Was he a National Account Manager also? 21 Q. What was your job before becoming Vice 21 22 22 President? Q. When did you become Vice President at Abbott? 23 A. I was a Vice President with Abbott 23 A. Three years ago. 24 Laboratories prior to our spin. 24 Q. 2002? 25 Q. Okay. Before I get into your background on 25 A. Yes. Page 7 Page 9 1 1 PETER BAKER PETER BAKER 2 employment, let me ask you quickly how far did you go 2 Q. What was your position immediately before in your education? 3 3 that? 4 4 A. I have a Bachelor's degree in Marketing, A. I was the General Manager for Alternate Site 5 5 Southern Illinois University. Product Sales within the Hospital Products Division. Q. What year? 6 Q. Just for the record, tell me what Alternate 6 7 A. '81. 7 Site Product Sales is. 8 8 Q. Do you have any graduate level work? A. It is contracting with customers outside of A. No. 9 9 the hospital environment. 10 Q. What's your current title with Abbott, Vice 10 Q. As General Manager did you have customers President --11 that you called on, in other words, would deal with 11 12 A. Vice President and General Manager of 12 directly? 13 Commercial Service Operations. 13 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 14 THE WITNESS: Could you clarify what --14 Q. Okay. 15 MS. KIM: At Hospira you mean? I think your 15 BY MR. BARRETT: question was Abbott. 16 Q. Let's break it down a little bit more and 16 17 BY MR. BARRETT: 17 we'll get to it. Who were your direct reports when you Q. I'm sorry. I think you just told me, and I were General Manager of Alternate Site Product Sales? 18 18 meant to ask you what your last job was, your last job A. I had National Accounts, Marketing, a dotted 19 19 20 title at Abbott. 20 line to our contracting area, and the Sales 21 A. Abbott. It was Vice President, Major Health 21 organization. 22 Care Systems. 22 Q. You say you had "a dotted line to our contracting area", what does that mean? 23 Q. Was that in the Hospital Products Division? 23 24 A. Yes. 24 A. Mike Sellers managed the contracting function 25 25 for HPD, but the contracting area also had a dotted Q. Did you have direct reports in that position?

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Page 280 Page 278 that really pertains to the same thing. 1 utilizing it. 1 2 2 Q. Are you saying that they don't pertain to the Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) All right. 3 same thing or you just simply don't know? 3 A. Is that --4 A. I don't know. 4 Q. Are you familiar with any kind of mechanism 5 Q. Okay. And the reason you don't know is at Abbott where if a customer, for whatever reason, because you've never really had to deal with the 6 rolled off of their contract or their contract became 6 7 nitty-gritty offer of a field-generated agreement, for 7 outdated, that they would then be notified and offered a field-generated agreement? 8 instance, correct? 8 9 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 9 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. A. That is true that I have not, I don't think, 10 10 A. I don't know that that's true. had to deal to that detail, but I'm not sure it 11 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) This simply is something 11 12 you don't know anything about? 12 existed either. A. No, I don't know. 13 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) In your leadership role 13 14 over all of the district managers and their reporting 14 Q. All right. You mentioned customer service. field reps, did you get an understanding of why a 15 Do you know how customer service was involved with 15 given field-generated agreement might be offered? billing customers? 16 16 17 A. Well, field-generated contracts, I think, 17 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 18 were mostly aimed at selling our devices and it was to 18 A. At what period of time? give a representative a range so that they would not 19 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) From '95 to 2003. 19 have to always check with the home office if they went 20 A. No. I don't. 20 21 into one of their customers. 21 Q. Do you have any awareness of how customer 22 Q. And when you say "devices," you don't mean to 22 service was involved in notifying field sales limit this only to equipment. It covered drugs as 23 representatives of customers who were no longer on 23 well, including the fluids and the injectables, right? 24 24 contract? 25 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 25 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. Page 279 Page 281 1 A. I don't know that. The majority of our --1 A. No, I don't. our focus, I think, was on IV pumps in the ambulatory 2 2 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Is it your experience that setting and so the parameters were to give a price, 3 Abbott Alternate Site ever offered list prices to any really, on where they could go with the device. 4 4 customer? 5 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Do you believe that the 5 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. field-generated agreements were limited to devices and 6 A. They offered? 7 7 excluded the drugs? Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Yes. 8 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 8 A. They were available to anyone. MR. ANDERSON: Objection, nonresponsive. 9 9 A. I don't know. 10 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Okay. So you don't have 10 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) I'm asking a different any testimony that -- I mean, any knowledge, pardon 11 question, sir, and I think you understood that because 11 me, and you're not here to testify today that the 12 you mentioned -- you questioned me about the word 12 "offer." So I'll rephrase it. 13 field-generated agreements were always exclusive of 13 14 drugs? 14 To your knowledge, from 1995 through 15 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 15 2003 when you were in a sales leadership role at A. I -- I don't know if we had field-generated Abbott Alternate Site, are you aware of Abbott ever 16 16 contracts during the time I was in Alternate Site, so offering to sell its products to a customer at list 17 17 price? 18 18 19 19 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Do you know how it is that MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. a field rep, for instance, an infusion specialist, 20 A. I'm -- I'm missing your point. We have list 20 would come to know that they could offer a 21 price available to customers who don't have contracts. 21 22 field-generated agreement to a given customer? That's open to anyone who chooses to buy our product 23 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form. 23 that for whatever reason had not had a contract with

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Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) And did you ever have any

24 us.

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A. I just told you, I didn't know if we had

them, so I don't know how they would go about

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    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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       Q. Do you have any information or
                                                              Q. Okay.
                                                              A. But I don't -- I mean, other than that
    knowledge or personal awareness of any lack of
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    fraud on behalf of Abbott?
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                                                           it's a product that we've had for some time.
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
                                                              Q. Okay, and is -- do you -- do you recall
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                                                           what the dollar value -- volume of the sales was
          THE WITNESS: No.
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                                                           for vancomycin?
    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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       Q. Sir, are you aware -- are you familiar
                                                              A. No, I do not.
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    with or aware of any transactions between the
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                                                              Q. Okay. Is that something that you,
    United States and Abbott?
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                                                           within any of the various positions that you've
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                                                           held within HPD, would have had to have been
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                           familiar with or would have had any
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          THE WITNESS: No.
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    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
                                                           responsibility over?
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       Q. All right, now that we've gone through
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                                                                 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                                 THE WITNESS: Only as part of a -- on a
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    this list, I've got a couple more questions.
          Sir, do you have any personal knowledge
                                                           broader context of overall sales, for example
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                                                           within Alternate Site, how that fit in the
    or information or familiarity with the sale and
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    marketing of the subject drugs?
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                                                           portfolio, but not -- I was responsible for the
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       A. I -- I may. That's a very broad
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                                                           total portfolio. So no specific drugs
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    statement, so --
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                                                           necessarily.
                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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       Q. Okay. Well, let's -- I want to break
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    down -- I mean, I want you to answer the question
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                                                              Q. Do you recall whether there was a
                                           Page 413
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    as asked, but if we need to break it down, we can
                                                           marketing plan for vancomycin?
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                                                              A. Not -- I -- not that I've ever seen.
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    do that as well.
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                                                              Q. Okay. There may have been, but it
       A. I would -- I would respond with I may,
    depending upon how you --
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                                                           might have been something that you didn't see?
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       Q. Okay. Well, what -- what is
                                                              A. No --
    your familiarity with the marketing of any of the
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                                                                 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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    subject drugs that are on that list in front of
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                                                                 THE WITNESS: I would say there may
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    you at any time during your tenure with HPD?
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                                                           have been one for all overall portfolio of
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       A. I would say none from a marketing
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                                                           injectable products, but I don't know that there
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                                                           was ever one specifically for vancomycin, to my
    perspective.
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       Q. Okay. What about from a sales
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                                                           recollection.
    perspective? What's your familiarity with the
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                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
    sale of any of the subject drugs on that list?
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                                                      13
                                                              Q. Okay. What was the marketing plan for
14
       A. It -- it was one of Abbott's products,
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                                                           your injectable products?
15
    and that that was part of a portfolio that we
                                                      15
                                                                 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
    would offer as -- as part of a potential contract
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                                                      16
                                                                 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't remember any
    opportunity with customers.
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                                                           details of any specific marketing plans for our
18
       Q. Are you familiar with the sales --
                                                      18
                                                           products.
19
    Abbott sales history within its Hospital Products
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                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
20
    Division of vancomycin?
                                                      20
                                                              Q. Can you identify how the Alt Site sales
21
          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                           force sold the subject drugs as part of Abbott's
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          THE WITNESS: I know there is one.
                                                           product line?
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                                 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                                 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know, and I
          THE WITNESS: Well, the customer would
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    ask for or maybe send out a bid or would ask for
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                                                           don't -- I don't think there was any specific
    the subject drugs or our entire portfolio and ask
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    for pricing on those products, and the
                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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    representative would then talk to our contracting
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                                                              Q. Okay. Now, are you familiar with how
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    area to determine what might be appropriate
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                                                           your home infusion department sold Abbott
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    pricing for that institution or customer, and
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                                                           product, including the subject drugs?
    then they would put an offer together that
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                                                                 MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
    included a price list for those products.
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                                                                 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- I have a,
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                                                           again, dated memory of how I think it was done at
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    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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                                                           the time that I was part of that group --
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       Q. Were there parameters for the price
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    list? Like, was there sort of a ceiling and a
                                                      13
                                                           BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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    floor as to what could be offered?
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                                                              Q. Okay.
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                              A. (Continuing) -- many, many years ago.
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          THE WITNESS: No, I don't -- not --
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                                                              Q. What's your memory?
                                                              A. My memory was, I think as I already
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    none that I recall, no.
    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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                                                           stated, that we looked at the different
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                                                           components of what Abbott could offer and do for
       Q. Who set the pricing?
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                           a customer from a home-care perspective, and
          THE WITNESS: From -- from what
                                                           based on those components that we participated
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   perspective?
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                                                           in, we would establish a mech- -- a mechanism to
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    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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                                                           get paid for the services that we provided.
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       Q. From -- from the perspective of --
                                                              Q. Okay. But in addition to providing
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    well, let me ask you this. That's a good
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                                                           services, would Abbott also sell product or
    question. Let me divide this up.
                                                           provide product on a consignment basis to its
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          For the contract pricing for the
                                                           home infusion consignment partners?
    products, who would set the contract pricing?
                                                              A. Well, I think we're saying the same
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       A. The contracting department would work
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                                                           thing. That was part of the overarching -- they
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8
    on trying to establish the relative size of the
                                                           -- consignment was just a mechanism of having the
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    customer and -- and the value and try to
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                                                           product available when it was needed for the
    determine appropriate price based on -- on those
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                                                           compounding.
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    types of criteria.
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                                                                 The service it was provided may have
                                                           been the compounding, or if they took that, it
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       Q. Were you at all involved with -- with
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                                                           was the other things that we were providing.
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    that type of contract pricing determinations?
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       A. No, not -- not specifically, no.
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                                                              Q. Okay.
       Q. Okay. What about catalog pricing?
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                                                              A. Having the product was a component of
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          MS. TABACCHI: Object to the form.
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                                                           that.
    BY MS. ST. PETER-GRIFFITH:
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                                                              Q. Okay. So when you -- when you say
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       Q. Were you involved with catalog pricing?
                                                      18
                                                           "services," you include within that the provision
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                                                           of Abbott product, to the extent it was needed --
       A. No.
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       Q. Did catalog pricing -- how did catalog
                                                              A. It --
                                                              Q. (Continuing) -- to provide --
    pricing affect, if at all, your sale of the
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subject drugs?

A. It could have been part of it.

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1	COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF KANAWHA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA
2	CIVIL DIVISION
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4	STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ex rel: No. 01-C-3011 DARRELL V. McGRAW, JR., :
5	ATTORNEY GENERAL, :
6	Plaintiffs : :
7	vs. : : WARRICK PHARMACEUTICALS :
8	CORPORATION, SCHERING-PLOUGH: CORPORATION, DEY, INC., ABBOTT:
9	LABORATORIES and ABBOTT : LABORATORIES, INC., :
10	Defendants :
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12	DEPOSITION OF JEFFREY BALZER
13	Taken in the offices of ERSA of
14	Allentown, 5050 Tilghman Street, Allentown,
15	Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, commencing at
16	10:40 a.m., by Stacy S. Kercher, Registered Merit
17	Reporter, Notary Public.
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22	* * * ERSA OF ALLENTOWN
23	Commerce Corporate Center
24	5050 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104
25	(610) 366-7119

- 1 an open discussion, like lunch table discussion.
- Q. Who were your colleagues at the time?
- 3 A. Craig Smith, Ted Lyjack, Joe Sweeney,
- 4 others from alternate site, we generally had lunch
- 5 together as a group.
- 6 Q. And what was the substance of your
- 7 conversation about AWP and the spread?
- 8 A. I was given an understanding that AWP
- 9 stood for average wholesale price and that the spread
- 10 referred to the difference between the AWP and the
- 11 actual price that the end user facility would have
- 12 paid for a product and that that was not a subject
- 13 that -- I guess to paraphrase, the concept was, we
- 14 don't go there.
- 15 Q. Was there any written instruction to that
- 16 effect?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. You say we don't go there, what did you
- 19 mean by that?
- 20 A. That -- I understood that to mean that we
- 21 don't discuss AWP in relation to our products and
- 22 selling our products or contracting for our products
- 23 or marketing.
- Q. Did you ever look at the AWPs of these
- 25 products?

- 1 A. I have -- I have on rare occasions seen
- 2 an AWP, but we don't use it and I have no reason to
- 3 be concerned with it. I didn't have a reason to be
- 4 concerned with it in the work that I was doing.
- 5 Q. Well, if a customer said that the spread
- 6 was important to them, why wouldn't that be a reason
- 7 to pay attention to it?
- 8 MS. MAYER: Objection.
- 9 MS. CITERA: Objection to form.
- 10 A. May I answer?
- 11 Q. You can answer. Let me just tell you, if
- 12 you haven't been told this, let me tell you that the
- 13 ground rules for the deposition are basically that
- 14 unless you are instructed not to answer by your
- 15 attorney, you have to answer these questions.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. If somebody has a problem with your being
- 18 able to answer, I'm sure they will let us know and
- 19 whatever action needs to be taken will be taken. But
- 20 you can answer these questions, even when there is an
- 21 objection. Though I think it would be helpful for
- 22 the record is if you hear an objection, to stop
- 23 talking so that you don't talk over the objection. I
- 24 think that's kind of a useful thing for the court
- 25 reporter.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

In re: PHARMACEUTICAL : MDL No. 1456

INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE : Civil Action No. PRICE LITIGATION : 01-12257-PBS

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: : Hon. Patti Saris

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United States of America, : ex rel. Ven-a-Care of the : Florida Keys, Inc., v. : Abbott Laboratories, Inc., : and Hospira, Inc. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-11337- : PBS

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Labs., et al. :

Civil Action No. : 06-CV-11069-PBS :

ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JEFFREY F. BALZER - VOLUME I MAY 3, 2007, 9:07 a.m.

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1	Q. So the bulk of your time was spent in	1	used more how shall I say. The there were
2	connection with PBI, Omnicare, and Lincare?	2	different products that that they would use more
3	A. Yes. 09:42	3	frequently in Alternate Site versus the hospital. 09:46
4	Q. Okay. Now, at some point while you were a 09:42	4	Q. What came to be the primary products that 09:46
5	national account manager did you pick up additional	5	you worked with?
6	accounts or drop some of these?	6	A. Well, I was I was representing
7	A. Yes.	7	substantially, you know, sig you know, significant
8	Q. When and who? 09:42	8	portion of the products in our catalogue. But we were 09:47
9	A. I began calling on Neighborcare. And I'm	9	selling IV solutions, administration sets, needle
10	trying to remember when. That was in 2000 or 2001 I	10	stick prevention systems, injectable drugs. IV
11	think. I'm not sure. I just don't remember.	11	IV IV pumps, ambulatory pumps and what we call
12	I did call on Walgreen's. And	12	stationary pumps or pole-mounted pumps and their
13	actually I think I may have called on Walgreen's 09:43	13	related administration sets. And that's substantially 09:47
14	earlier in my tenure in that position, and then I	14	what we sold.
15	then I was later not calling on them. And when that	15	Q. Did you discuss with anyone at Abbott as
16	transition took place, 2001, you know, 2000 in	16	you took over the position of national account manager
17	probably the same time frame.	17	the business model or the operational model of the
18	And let's see. Let's see. And 09:43	18	customers that you would be calling on? 09:48
19	that I stopped calling on Omnicare in 2000 early in	19	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.
20	the 2000's, 2001, 2002. I'm sorry. I don't remember	20	A. I don't recall necessarily discussing the
21	exact dates.	21	business model. I went about looking into the types
22	Q. That's okay. When you refer to	22	of contracts that we had with the customers and
23	Walgreen's, is there a particular division or aspect 09:44	23	looking at how much business we had with the 09:48
24	of their business with which you were connected?	24	customers, and of course meeting with the customers.
25	A. We did have they they had some	25	Q. You looked at the existing contracts that
23	Page 34		Page 36
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1	pharmacies that were involved in in home infusion I	1	Abbott had with the various accounts that were
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2	believe.	2	assigned to you?
2 3	believe. O. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44	3	assigned to you? A. Yes. 09:48
3	Q. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44	l	A. Yes. 09:48
3 4	Q. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44 Site Product Sales when you switched into that 09:44	3 4	A. Yes. 09:48 Q. Where did you look at those? Where did 09:48
3 4 5	Q. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44 Site Product Sales when you switched into that division? 09:44	3 4 5	A. Yes. 09:48 Q. Where did you look at those? Where did 09:48 you find them?
3 4 5 6	Q. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44 Site Product Sales when you switched into that 09:44 division? A. I talked to my peers and talked to other	3 4 5 6	A. Yes. 09:48 Q. Where did you look at those? Where did 09:48 you find them? A. They would be in contract files, or in the
3 4 5 6 7	Q. What did you do to learn about Alternate 09:44 Site Product Sales when you switched into that 09:44 division? A. I talked to my peers and talked to other people in Alternate Site, other employees of Alternate	3 4 5 6 7	A. Yes. 09:48 Q. Where did you look at those? Where did 09:48 you find them? A. They would be in contract files, or in the files that I would have inherited.
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3	A. I didn't talk about it. We I was it 10:07	3	Q. Did you ever ask anybody? 10:10
4	was I was told this is not we don't use this in 10:07	4	A. Not that I recall. 10:10
5	selling our products, and so I didn't.	5	Q. Now, who was it as best you can recall who
6	Q. But since your customers cared about it,	6	conveyed the information to you that we don't go
7	did you understand that it would have been helpful to	7	there?
8	have been allowed to talk about it? 10:08	8	A. As I said, as I recall it was like a lunch 10:10
9	MS. CITERA: Objection to form.	9	table kind of discussion, and some of my peers and
10	A. I I really don't have an opinion on	10	other colleagues from Alternate Site were there.
11	that. I we we didn't sell that way; we don't	11	VIDEOGRAPHER: Let me I need to
12	sell that way.	12	interject at this point. I do need to change tapes.
13	Q. That's not my question, sir. 10:08	13	The time is 10:10 a.m., and this is the end of Tape 10:10
14	A. And I'm sorry.	14	Number 1.
15	Q. My question is from the fact that your	15	(A recess was taken.)
16	customers were asking you about it, did you have the	16	VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on video,
17	impression that it could have been something helpful	17	and the time is 10:29 a.m., and this is the start of
18	to you in selling to them? 10:08	18	Tape Number 2. 10:29
19	A. Well, it	19	BY MS. THOMAS:
20	MS. CITERA: Objection to the form.	20	Q. Okay. Mr. Balzer, we have been making
21	A. It didn't matter to me. I didn't you	21	reference to a Mr. Pelanek at PBI, correct?
22	know, we don't use that, so I don't I don't go	22	A. I believe it's Pelanek.
23	there; I don't use that. And whether or not it's 10:08	23	Q. Pelanek. Okay. And what is his first 10:30
24	helpful, you know, it's not I didn't and don't sell	24	name, sir?
25	that way.	25	A. Paul.
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1	Q. So you never formed an impression whether	1	Q. And what was his position at PBI when you
2	it would have been helpful to you in your job to have	2	were dealing with him?
3	been able to respond to your customers' concerns? 10:08	3	A. He was a vice president, but I'm not sure 10:30
4	A. No. I don't think so. 10:09	4	what the balance of his title was. 10:30
5	MS. CITERA: Objection	5	Q. Okay. Do you recall ever having
6	Q. You just didn't think about that?	6	conversations with anyone else from PBI about
7	MS. CITERA: Objection to the form.	7	reimbursement or spread?
8	A. I never formed an opinion? Is that 10:09	8	A. I think the issue came up. I believe the 10:30
9	what I'm sorry.	9	issue came up, and I think probably came up, yes.
10	Q. You just didn't think about whether it	10	Q. In what context or with whom, sir?
11	would have been helpful to be able to respond to them?	11	A. I believe that it may have been mentioned
12	MS. CITERA: The same objection.	12	by Bob Korenblat or Richard Bulich.
13	A. No. 10:09	13	Q. I'm sorry. Who was the second name? 10:31
14	Q. Now, when you say that you were told that	14	A. Richard Bulich.
15	we don't go there, what did you understand the scope	15	Q. In what context that you can recall?
16	of that prohibition to include?	16	A. I don't really recall specifics, but I do
17	MS. CITERA: Objection to the form.	17	remember explaining that that I would not engage in
18	A. That we don't talk about reimbursement and 10:09	18	any conversations regarding reimbursement. 10:31
19	we don't use reimbursement in the way that we sell; we	19	Q. But despite your efforts to tell these
20	don't use it in marketing; and we sell our products	20	people that Abbott didn't talk about reimbursement,
21	based upon the quality and availability and the	21	they continued to raise the issue with you on
22	service we provide and the value we provide.	22	occasion?
23	Q. Well, selling your products based on those 10:09	23	MS. CITERA: Objection to form. 10:31
24	factors is not necessarily inconsistent with	24	A. The subject was was brought up, yes, on
25	addressing reimbursement issues, is it?	25	occasion.
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16	the foregoing transcript of my testimony taken at the	
17	within deposition and find it to be true and correct.	
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12	I hereby certify that the evidence	
13	and proceedings are contained fully and accurately in	
14	the notes taken by me of the testimony of the within	
15 16	witness who was duly sworn by me, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.	
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                   IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
                     TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
                     Cause No. GV401286
THE STATE OF TEXAS
Ex rel.
VEN-A-CARE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS,
INC.,
      Plaintiffs
ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC., et al.,
      Defendants.
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- assume everyone signed the sign-up sheet. A lot of 1
- these people I didn't know, so it would be hard for 2
- me if I don't know somebody to know whether the
- name, you know, whether somebody just passed it and
- didn't sign in or not. There was certainly -- I
- have no reason to doubt that these people were all
- 7 in there.
- 8 Q. Is there anybody on this list that you do
- 9 -- that you did know prior to September of 1995
- other than your counsel and your colleagues at 10
- 11 Ven-A-Care?
- 12 A. I had never met them, but I had had
- 13 previous conversations with I know Larry Reed and
- Sue Gaston. I don't think there was anyone else
- that I'd had a prior conversation with other than 15
- those two. 16
- Q. Tell me about your conversations with 17
- Larry Reed and Sue Gaston. 18
- A. Sue Gaston, at this time, I don't know 19
- what she does now, she was in charge of determining 20
- 21 the federal upper limit for Medicaid drugs, and
- Larry Reed was, I believe, her boss. 22

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- Q. When did you speak to Ms. Gaston and Mr.
- 2 Reed?

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- 3 A. I spoke to Sue Gaston several times. I
- don't remember the dates or times. I think Larry 4
- 5 Reed I may have had one or two conversations with
- prior to this meeting.
- 7 Q. What was the occasion for your speaking
- 8 with Ms. Gaston and Mr. Reed?
- 9 A. It would have had to have done with the
- 10 Medicaid payment for prescription drugs.
- Q. Approximately how long before September of 11
- 1995 did you first speak to Ms. Gaston or Mr. Reed? 12
- 13 A. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. Was it more than a year before this time?
- A. With Sue Gaston, I'm fairly confident that 15
- it was probably several years prior. 16
- Q. How did you come to speak to Ms. Gaston at 17
- HCFA? 18

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- 19 A. I got her name and telephone number from
- somebody. I don't know how, but certainly I got 20
- her name and spoke to her. 21
 - Q. Why did you want to speak to Ms. Gaston?

- 1 A. Like I say, it would have -- it would have
- had to do with issues regarding Medicaid prices or 2 3
 - reimbursement for prescription drugs.
- Q. What was your purpose for calling Ms. 4
- 5 Gaston?
- 6 A. I don't remember exactly, whether I was
- 7 seeking information, or whether I was wishing to
- give her information. I was probably asking her 8
- 9 for information.
- 10 Q. What type of information were you asking
- 11 from Ms. Gaston?
- 12 A. I think one of the questions that I was
- curious about was how she went about formulating 13
- the, or the methodology used in establishing the 14
- federal upper limit or FUL. 15
 - Q. Now, there were no FULs established for
- infusion drugs as I recall. Correct? 17
- 18 A. That's correct.

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- 19 Q. Did you ask Ms. Gaston about that?
 - A. Yes. I can't remember her answer. And I
- 21 also asked her who determines what drugs go on the
- 22 federal upper limit, because to my knowledge I

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- couldn't find any rules or regulations that
- articulated exactly how a drug got chosen to be on 2
- 3 the federal upper limit. So I was curious as to
- what that process was. To the best of my
- knowledge, I think she said it was within her 5
- 6 discretion.
- 7 Q. Did Ms. Gaston give any indication as to
- 8 why she was exercising her discretion not to
- 9 establish a federal upper limit for infusion drugs?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you have under -- did you have any
- understanding as this time about why it was that 12
- HCFA had not established a federal upper limit for 13
- infusion drugs? 14
 - A. No, I don't -- I don't know why they
- 16 didn't.

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- 17 Q. You said you had several conversations
- with Ms. Gaston. Do you recall approximately how 18
- many you had over the years? 19
- A. Maybe two or three. Before this meeting. 20
- 21 Q. What would the earliest likely have been
- with her? 22

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1	Sales representation, follow up is another.	1	A. No.
2	There's a lot of factors out there.	2	Q. Did they call them modules?
3	Q. Would it be fair to say a lot of those	3	A. No.
4	are customer service related kinds of issues as	4	Q. What were they called?
5	opposed to the functionability of the product	5	A. I don't know.
6	itself?	6	Q. Did you have to complete a certain
7	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection to form.	7	number of different kinds of trainings?
8	A. I think it would be fair to say that a	8	A. Yes.
9	lot of it is customer service.	9	Q. And what were those segments of
10	Q. Did you have pharmacies as customers as	10	training called?
11	well?	11	A. I don't know. I don't recall the word
12	A. Yes.	12	modules. I mean, it may have been called
13	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Objection to form.	13	modules, but it's almost like a checklist of
14	MS. YAVELBERG: I'm sorry?	14	things that I had to get done in terms of
15	MR. SCANNAPIECO: I objected to form.	15 16	training.
16	MS. YAVELBERG: What's the objection?	17	Q. It was or it was not?A. It was a checklist.
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20	not clear if you are asking about a specific	20	A. Yes, but whether it was called modules,
21	channel of trade or a concept of pharmacies.	21	I don't know.
22	Q. Did you have a specific channel of	22	Q. As to this document specifically, I
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1	your supervisor?	1	CERTIFICATE
2	A. No.	2	I, Marisa Munoz-Vourakis, RMR, CRR and Notary Public,
3	Q. Or, you know, worried, oh, I better not	3	the officer before whom the foregoing proceeding was
4	get caught, I'm putting it in here?	4	conducted, do hereby certify that the witness(es) whose
5	A. No.	5	testimony appears in the foregoing proceeding were duly
6	Q. So you didn't think at the time that	6	sworn by me; that the testimony of said witness(es) were
7	that violated company policy?	7	taken by me to the best of my ability and thereafter
8	A. No, I didn't.	8	transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing
9	MS. YAVELBERG: Okay. I have no more	9	pages, inclusive, constitute a true and accurate
10	questions, and I can pass the witness.	10	transcription of the testimony of the witness(es).
11	MR. SCANNAPIECO: I don't have any	11	I do further certify that I am neither counsel for,
12	questions.	12	related to, nor employed by any of the parties to this
13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That's the end of	13	action in which this proceeding was conducted, and
14	tape No. 6 of this deposition	14	further, that I am not a relative or employee of any
15	MR. SCANNAPIECO: Hold on, sorry. For	15	attorney or counsel employed by the parties thereof, nor
16	the record, I just want to make the designation	16	financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the
17	of the deposition.	17	action.
18	Just for the record, Abbott wants to	18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name
19	advise that it requests, it will be requesting	19	this of , 2008.
20	that portions of the transcript and/or exhibits	20	MARISA MUNOZ-VOURAKIS
21	to the deposition of Ron Blackwell containing one	21	Notary #20032900127
22	or more of the following types of information:	22	·
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1	Information about his individual financial		
2	holdings; any specifics as to his actual		
3	reimbursement from Abbott and any references to		
4	like his level of performance, his address and		
5	other personal identifying information, be marked		
6	highly confidential, and Abbott will provide		
7	those designations to the parties when the		
8	attorney asks.		
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That concludes this		
10	deposition of Mr. Blackwell, and it is the end of		
11	tape No. 6. We are off the record at 4:22.		
12	(Whereupon the deposition was		
13	concluded at 4:22 p.m.)		
14	(Signature reserved.)		
15	<u> </u>		
16	RON BLACKWELL		
17	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this		
18	day of, 2008.		
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21	NOTARY PUBLIC		
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2	communications between attorney and client.	2	BY MR. ANDERSON:
3	THE WITNESS: Just that I've been asked	3	Q. Do you know what a provider is in the
4	these questions relative to reimbursement.	4	medical field?
5	BY MR. ANDERSON:	5	A. "Provider" meaning the physician? I
6	Q. Which questions?	6	need you to clarify.
7	MR. DEMONTE: If I may, are you asking	7	Q. Well, are you familiar with providers?
8	the subject matter in which, I mean I can	8	MR. DEMONTE: Objection.
9	represent to you that during our preparation	9	THE WITNESS: I need you to clarify
10	sessions we generally discussed issues that are	10	what you mean. "Provider" can mean a lot of
11	related to this case. But anything specific	11	things.
12	MR. ANDERSON: Well, I'll back up.	12	BY MR. ANDERSON:
13	BY MR. ANDERSON:	13	Q. In your work in the pharmaceutical
14	Q. Are you talking about you were asked	14	industry, what do you understand by the term
15	questions by your attorney?	15	"provider"?
16	A. Well, just the questions that were read	16	A. I mean I'm speculating that what you're
17	to me from the Subpoena, if I'm understanding the	17	asking me is "provider" meaning physician or a
18	question correctly.	18	caregiver.
19	Q. Well, I'm not necessarily asking about	19	Q. Have you also known that pharmacies are
20	questions in a Subpoena, ma'am, and I'm not	20	referred to as providers?
21	asking about questions necessarily that your	21	A. I guess I really didn't think of them
22	lawyer asked you.	22	that way, no.
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